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Dr. Horatio E. Oduber Hospital observes International Kidney Day



Hospital dialysis center staffers

ORANJESTAD -- Today is World Kidney Day, when the populace is reminded that chronic kidney disease is treatable, and possibly curable with early detection. It is observed annually on the 2nd Thursday in March. The worldwide observance began in 2006 when 66 countries established events to make their citizens more aware of the importance of their kidneys to good health and being aware of early symptoms of their malfunction.

WKD is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). The fact that most forms of kidney disease are treatable, is not well known by the average citizen. This day is intended to spread the message across the globe through campaigns, raised awareness and revealed facts and figures regarding kidney disease and failure.

The Prevalence of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is increasing dramatically and the cost of treatment poses an

enormous burden on health-care systems. About 1 in 10 people have some form of kidney damage, and every year millions die prematurely of complications related to their kidney problems.

The kidneys are bean-shaped organs that serve several essential regulatory roles in all animals with a spine. They are essential to the urinary system and also perform many important regulatory functions in the blood, such as

excrete wastes such as urea and ammonium. They are also responsible for the re-absorption of water, glucose, and amino acids. The kidneys also produce important hormones including and the enzyme renin.

Nephrology is the medical specialty concerned with kidney diseases, which are diverse. Individuals with kidney disease frequently display characteristic clinical features including the nephritic and nephrotic syndromes, renal cysts, acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, urinary tract infection, nephrolithiasis, and urinary tract obstruction. Various cancers of the kidney exist with the most common being renal cell carcinoma. Cancers, cysts, and some other renal conditions can be managed with removal of the kidney.

When renal function, measured by glomerular filtration rate, is persistently poor, dialysis and a kidney transplant may be necessary. Although they are not normally harmful, kidney stones can be painful and repeated and the chronic formation of stones can scar the kidneys.

The World Kidney Day website, <http://www.worldkidneyday.org/> offers a wealth of detailed information about kidney disease, recognizing symptoms of kidney failure, and preventative measures.

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the balance of electrolytes, maintenance of acid-base balance, and regulation of blood pressure (via maintaining salt and water balance). They serve the body as a natural blood filter, removing wastes, which are diverted to the bladder. In producing urine, the kidneys



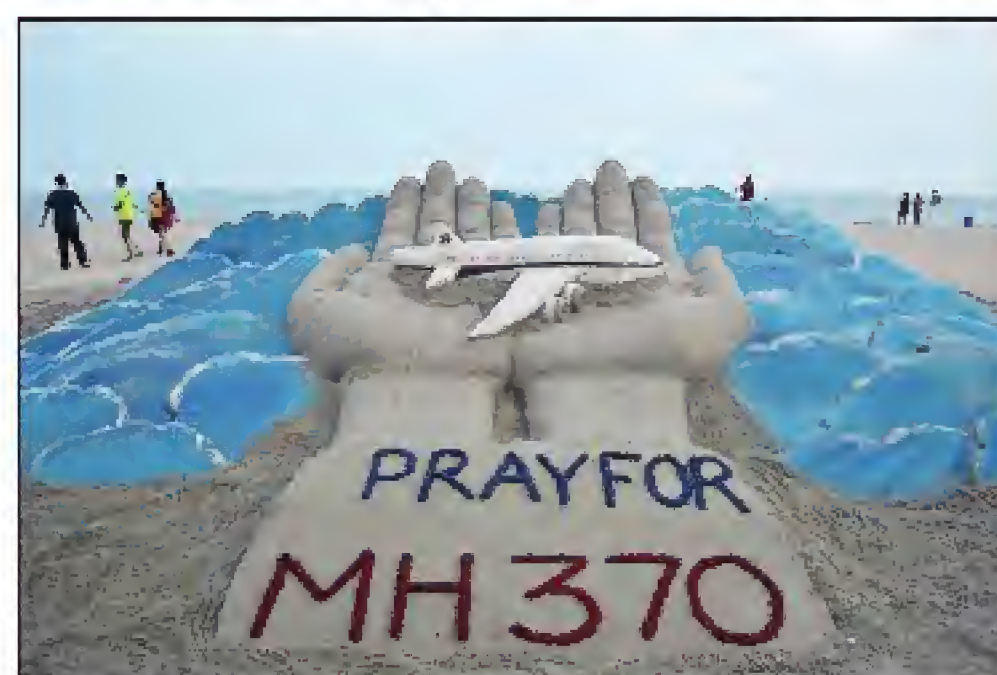
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Finally a clue?



PURI : AFP photo shows beachgoers walking past a sand sculpture made by Indian sand artist Sudersan Pattnaik with a message of prayers for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 - which vanished from radar early on March 8 with ongoing search operations mounted by multiple nations taking place in the South China Sea, the Malacca Strait, and the Andaman Sea - at Puri beach, some 65 kilometers away from Bhubaneswar. Malaysia denied yesterday that the hunt for a missing jet was in disarray, after the search veered far from the planned route and China said that conflicting information about its course was "pretty chaotic".

Also yesterday, a Chinese satellite looking into the mysterious disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 observed a suspected crash area at sea, a potentially pivotal lead into what has been a frustrating search for the Boeing 777. China's State Administration for Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense announced the discovery, including images of what it said were "three suspected floating objects and their sizes." The objects aren't small at 13 by 18 meters (43 by 59 feet), 14 by 19 meters and 24 by 22 meters. The images were captured on March 9 - which was the day after the plane went missing - but weren't released until yesterday. The Chinese agency gave coordinates of 105.63 east longitude, 6.7 north latitude, which would put it in waters northeast of where it took off in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and south of Vietnam.

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For World Kidney Day 2014, the organization asks that everyone show their support and awareness by starting their day by drinking a glass of water, taking a photo while doing so then post it to Facebook or tweet the photo with the hashtags #glassofwater or #supportwkd. They can also be sent to agnese@worldkidneyday.org for those who do not indulge in social media, to be posted on their website's photo gallery. Water may protect your kidneys, but it will not cure it of CKD, and it is advised for those participating to also post this disclaimer along with their photo.

Staffers of the Dr. Horatio E. Oduber Hospital Dialysis Center, led by Romeo Kock, also extended a plea to the general population to keep care of their kidneys, especially individuals living with diabetes. Diabetes is the primary cause of kidney disease and renal failure. Those suf-

fering with chronic high blood pressure also need to be alert to having their kidneys checked regularly. Individuals who are 55 years and older should make kidney tests a part of their regular annual check-ups.

Today, the dialysis center will treat their clients to a fun bingo to pass their time while they go through the blood-cleansing process. All will get a souvenir tee shirt, and great prizes have been donated by RBC Royal Bank, La Linda Department



Romeo Kock

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Santa Rosa strongly advises against the use of "Roundup" from Montesanto!

PIEDRA PLAT - The Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery (Santa Rosa) has been promoting, for quite some time now, a responsible system for the treatment and use of chemicals in our agriculture.

Santa Rosa holds a staunch position with respect to the secondary negative effects caused by certain non-organic chemicals. These negative secondary effects are against the environment and person's health, hence strongly advice against their use.

Particular reference is being made to a recent study published regarding the negative effects of the product "Roundup" from the Monsanto Company. The study revealed that this product, "Roundup" is severely detrimental to both the environment and personal people's health. It could be the cause of Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown ethnology.

The study revealed that the biochemical product "Roundup" converts itself into a highly toxic substance for the kidneys once it enters water containing high levels of, among others, calcium, magnesium and iron.

According to the study, 96% of the Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown ethnology cases is because the individual consumed water of food that, in some way or the other, is contaminated. These cases are more notable in the area of the rice fields in Sri



Lanka as well as in El Salvador, where Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown ethnology is the main cause of death among male persons.

The study reported on a situation noted in Sri Lanka where 15% of the working population had a total of 400,000 affected and 20,000 deaths caused by the use of this biochemical. The study also pointed to the increase of chronic kidney cases in the area of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and India. Furthermore the study indicates that in El Salvador and Nicaragua the Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown ethnology death cases, in percentage, surpasses death cases of diabetes, AIDS and leukemia combined.

In view of these and other international studies on the topic of Monsanto and their "Roundup" product, Santa Rosa is recommending that our agriculturists refrain from the use this product.

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Jeannette Richardson-Baars on “How to progress in a man’s world”



ORANJESTAD -- In addition to attracting international speakers to the Aruba Women's Day Conference, every year the Minister who heads up this event, Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, also invites local speakers to participate. Last Saturday some 550 women met at the Marriott Resort for the fourth annual conference for women of Aruba. It was, reportedly, a day filled with inspiration and motivation, as well as with much laughter. This is believed to be an excellent platform for women in our community to meet, share experiences and listen to speakers of caliber shares their wealth of knowledge.

The director of Aruba's Police Academy and coordinator of the National Taskforce against human trafficking and modern slavery, Jeannette Richardson-Baars was asked to speak on two important elements in her professional life. This she did with some humor, sincerity and very direct.

Jeannette Richardson-Baars is a member of the management team of Aruba's Police Force. In her 29 year career on

Aruba she always maintained certain standards of respect as well as goals which she achieved with lots of patience and hard work.

In her speech she presented some practical tips for sur-



vival, development and progress as a woman in what is traditionally a “man’s world.” Her remarks were very effective and well balanced with humor, grace and seriousness.

Be direct in your way of acting and speech, mind your dress code in your place of employment, have defined goals, be patient, but never be lazy,

insist on respect, was some of the advice shared by Richardson-Baars.

According to Richardson-Baars, there is a rather unique situation on Aruba. The management team of the Police Force consists of women. In the past and in many other countries this is something that may be considered impossible. In Aruba this is a reality. It has taken women in Aruba a great deal of work to have achieved this.

Richardson-Baars also shared some of her experience with the taskforce against human trafficking. She recited some tips for recognizing this phenomenon and what to do and who to call to denounce this. She reminded the group of the slogan...“Open Your

Eyes.”

Jeannette concluded with the motivation to the women present...“believe in yourself, because you can. If you already know that you can, it is left up to you to act. Put your goals ahead of you and tell yourself that that is where I am headed and go for it, don't say I can't.”

Emmastraat back in function and work in downtown continues



ORANJESTAD -- The previously closed Emmastraat has been reopened to traffic and traffic can again pass freely through the city center of Oranjestad. The Public Works Department (DOW) has installed all the traffic lights and the traffic boom so that the tram can move safely through the city center.

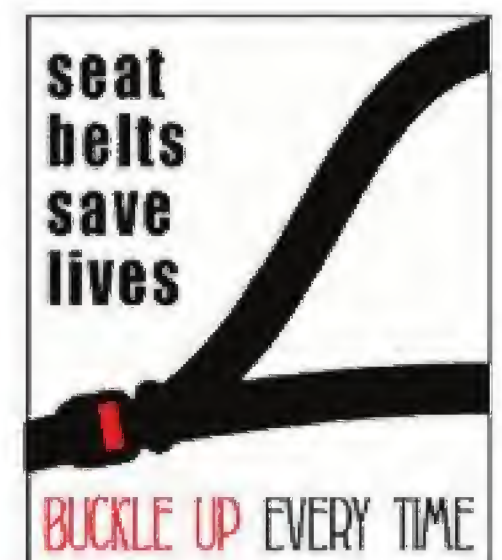
The reopening of the Emmastraat is very important, says Benny Sevinger. Sevinger is responsible for the execution of the major portion of the infrastructure project and the renovation and revitalization of the city center. Sevinger remarked, “We are opening a street that is a primary vein, which will enable the flow of traffic to move quickly to connect with other roads.”

The opening will present some challenges as motorists will have to take certain new aspects into account. The Minister also announced that with the Emmastraat completed, they are now going to concentrate on the renovation of the Schelpstraat and the “Welcome Plaza.” With respect to the use of the tram in the city center, they introduced new traffic

lights of two colors. The orange flashing lights indicate that the motorist can proceed. In the event there are pedestrians they must be given preference.

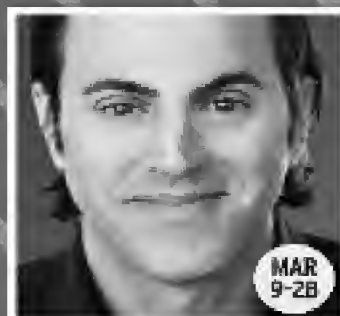
When the tram is approaching it sends a signal to the light to change to red. This means that traffic must stop and lend the right of way to the tram. At the turn of red a bell also sounds to alert the traffic and the boom comes down to prevent any traffic getting through. Once the tram has passed the boom is hoisted and traffic can proceed again unhindered.

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Team Aruba partners with PDRA to make Aruba the 'Official Vacation Destination'



clear choice.

PDRA Race Director, Bob Harris, believes that partnerships like this one with Team Aruba are exactly what the rising organization needs to lay the foundation for success.

"Team Aruba's partnership with

us is a great connection for the simple fact that the PDRA is a completely racer-based organization. We've been racing with these guys many years now, so naming Aruba as the 'Official Vacation Destination' of the PDRA just makes sense. Trevor and his guys are real gentlemen and a great race team - very professional, very friendly, just great people to be around. They put a lot of time and effort into their program. Having a team like this is very instrumental in getting more support from other teams and companies down the road."

With many off-season changes in the world of eighth mile drag racing, racers were faced with a difficult choice of where to lay their tread in the 2014 season. For Team Aruba, PDRA was the clear choice.

"I cannot be more excited about creating a relationship like this with a drag racing sanctioning body," told Trevor Eman, driver of the Aruba.com Pro Stock Mustang for Team Aruba. "We are constantly trying to come up with new and creative ways of how we can promote Aruba in the US. Day after day the PDRA is showing to become a secure home for doorslammer racing. Team Aruba will commit to competing with the PDRA and we cannot wait until we get to see the PDRA in action at Rockingham."

"We look forward to being there and cannot wait to hear the announcement over the PA mentioning Aruba as the Official Vacation Destination of the PDRA."

"It makes the PDRA very proud that they chose to race with us," added Harris. "This is going to be a bonding relationship and a good match for the association. We look at everybody as partners in this thing for the simple fact that it is racer owned and racer run. It means a lot to have their support and we're proud to promote Aruba as our Official Vacation Destination."

PITTSBORO -- The newest entity in eighth mile drag racing is quickly earning respect and making a name for itself among the industry. Now the Professional Drag Racers Association has partnered with the Pro Stock team from Aruba to name the "One Happy Island" the PDRA's "Official Vacation Destination."

Due to Team Aruba's presence in the racing industry, as well as their ongoing marketing efforts, Aruba has already become a top vacation pick for many racers, fans, sponsors and officials. With abounding positive feedback from vacationers, making the "One Happy Island" the official destination of the PDRA was a

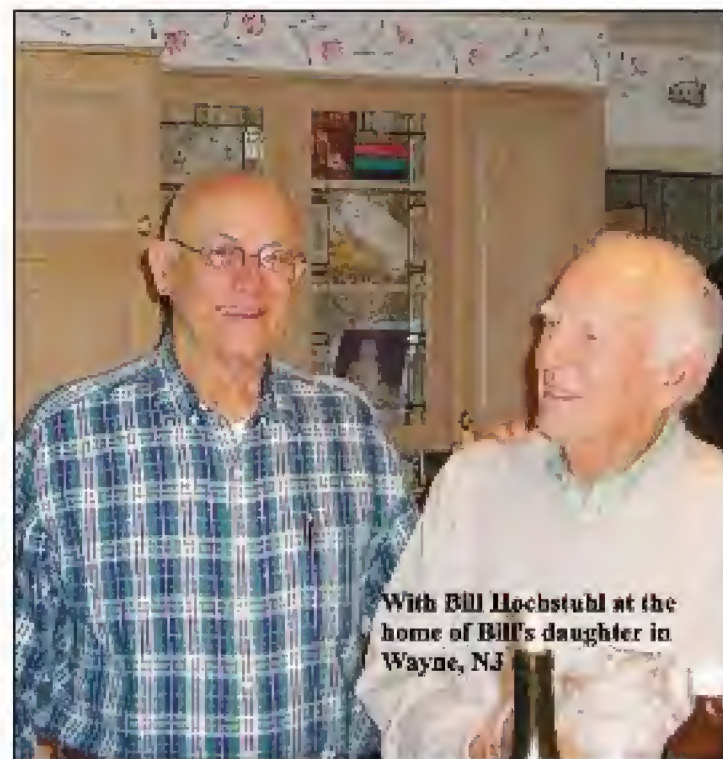
funds to help Aruban students. Here again Bill showed his love for Aruba. Forfeiting all his monetary compensation, he wrote: "After all these years I find it great pleasure...that in some small way I can contribute to the education of... grandchildren of my Aruban friends". Before he died Bill was told that he will help "the grandchildren of his Aruban friends" in a much bigger way, as the book has recently been translated into Papiamentu and will become part of the Aruban schools' curricula.

Bill Hochstuhel was a member of the "greatest generation" serving as a Navy pilot in Greenland and assigned to duties in the North Atlantic during World War II. After the war he earned a B.Sc in Journalism at Ohio University.

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Author of "German U-Boat 156 Brought War To Aruba February 16, 1942" William "Bill" Hochstuhel, a good friend of Aruba, has died

by Clyde R. Harms



With Bill Hochstuhel at the home of Bill's daughter in Wayne, N.J.

Clyde Harms with Bill Hochstuhel at the home of Bill's daughter in Wayne, N.J.

ORANJESTAD -- During the 13 years William "Bill" Hochstuhel spent in Aruba, he worked for, and participated in, a myriad of island activities. He became well known for his radio appearances and as MC at official LAGO and Government functions. His

involvement with sports on Aruba took many forms: He refereed professional boxing matches, he officiated and played baseball and softball; he broadcast play-by-play of Lago Sport Park events and helped coach basketball to Arubans attending Lago Vocational School.

More than these activities however, Bill was most interested in working with, and being part of, the Aruba community. An Aruban paper reported: "Bill endeared himself to the Aruba youth through his keen interest in the various youth organiza-

tions and the cooperation extended to these organizations... Bill's interest in the Aruba youth was reflected in the feature articles on the Aruba Esso News devoted to the youth organizations on the island..." And for these efforts the government presented him with the "Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba" Award on October 25, 1964. The presentation was made at the Tanki Leendert Youth Club, one of Bill's favorite organizations.

It was as a member of the Public Relations Department of Lago Oil & Transport Co. that Bill Hochstuhel authored the account of the U-156 attack on Aruba. The story was first published February 16, 1962 in a special edition of the Aruba Esso News to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the attack. Forty years later Aruba Scholarship Foundation published the story in bookform to raise



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Author of "German U-Boat 156 Brought War To Aruba..."

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Handing the first copy to then Governor Olindo Koolman.

Surrounded by his family, Bill Hochstuhl passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Sunday March 2, 2014 in Middletown, NJ. He is survived by his wife Eileen Sivori Hochstuhl whom he married almost 70 years ago; by his children Jane and Bill Getty, Jessica and Rich Nicoletti, Jennifer and John Hinck and Jill Fabel whose husband Bill had predeceased her; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Bill is also survived by his brother Paul Prentice Hochstuhl.

Bill Hochstuhl was buried on Thursday March 6th, 2014 with a private funeral Mass and a public Memorial service with military honors at the

Trinity Episcopal Church in Red Bank, NJ. Two uniformed naval representatives

ceremoniously presented the nation's flag to Bill's widow Eileen and taps was played afterward. Bill's grandson Lt. Col Matthew Getty, an Air Force pilot who served in Iraq and Afghanistan flying a Lockheed C-5 Galaxy cargo plane, gave a moving eulogy. Singing the beautiful hymn 'Lord, when you came to the seashore,' Bill's eldest daughter Jane revealed the love for Aruba she inherited from her Dad.

Electronic messages of condolences sent to my address clydeharms@yahoo.com will be forwarded immediately. Condolence cards and messages can also be directed to Mrs. Eileen Hochstuhl, 230 Dwight Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07470.

Please send any monetary donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Bill Hochstuhl refereeing a professional bout in Swingsters Square Garden, San Nicolas



Three students win Women's Day scholarship



Three students were the proud recipients of a scholarship to continue their studies abroad. Emmelien Kelly, Anouscka van der Kuyp and Allysee Boekhoudt are the three lucky winners. This prize is part of the fourth Aruba Women's Day Conference. The conference honored three students in its intent to promote Lifelong Learning under women. Only one of the three students was present to receive the prize as the other two are abroad studying.

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar wanted to offer an extra motivation, inspiration and support to all women to apply their knowledge and talent in education. With the cooperation of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation, they offered the scholarships; each will receive US\$5,000, after a selection between applicants had taken place.

There are different criteria that each applicant must meet in order to qualify for the scholarship. One criterion, among others, is that the student must choose a study in our region of America, thus the Netherlands is excluded; the

Dutch government already has fundings that are not available for studies in the Americas. Also the students must have excellent grades, a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be registered as a full time student enrolled in an accredited college or university, have a medical approval and sign a contract stating that they will return and work on Aruba for the same amount of years of their studies.

There is no restriction of the field of education, but it is important for the students to choose a profession they can practice here, including art and science i.e. ballet. The applicants must have a Dutch nationality and registered on Aruba. It is not necessary for the students to be born in Aruba, but yes be qualified for a Government study loan.

There was much satisfaction on the faces of the winners who will now have additional support from the Aruba Scholarship Foundation, thanks to the efforts of the Minister of Education and the patronage of the 2014 Aruba Women's Day Conference.



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Obama gives the Ukraine full backing as stand-off hardens

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The East-West split re-opened by the crisis in the Ukraine hardened yesterday when President Barack Obama threw Washington's weight firmly behind the Ukraine in its stand-off with Moscow.

Obama welcomed Kiev's interim premier Arseniy Yatsenyuk to the White House and stood by his side as both leaders sternly warned Russia that the Ukraine would not surrender its sovereignty.

Obama repeated that Moscow would face unspecified "costs" if Russian President Vladimir Putin does not back down, and rejected a bid to hold what he called a "slapdash" referendum in Crimea.

"There's another path available and we hope President Putin is willing to seize that path," Obama told White House reporters, sitting alongside Yatsenyuk after their talks the Oval Office.

"But if he does not, I'm very confident that the international community will stand firmly behind the Ukrainian government."

Yatsenyuk thanked Washington for its support and declared: "We fight for our freedom. We fight for our independence. We fight for our sovereignty. And we will never surrender."

Breakaway leaders on Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, backed by Putin, plan to hold a

referendum on Sunday to split from Kiev and come under Moscow's wing.

Russian troops backed by ad hoc local militias secured the territory in the chaotic days last month after Ukraine's former pro-Kremlin leader Viktor Yanukovich was overthrown by a street revolt.

Obama said he hopes the crisis can be resolved through diplomacy, but the Ukraine and the West do not recognize the referendum and Moscow does not recognize the Kiev government.

"We have been very clear that we consider the Russian incursion into Crimea outside of its bases to be a violation of international law," Obama said, underlining the depth of the divide.

"And we have been very firm in saying that we will stand with the Ukraine and the Ukrainian people in ensuring that that territorial integrity and sovereignty is maintained."

Yatsenyuk said he was "ready and open" for talks with Russia, but warned: "We want to be very clear that the Ukraine is and will be a part of the Western world."

During his trip to Washington, Yatsenyuk also plans to try to iron out details of a \$35 billion (25-billion-euro) aid package he says his nation's teetering economy needs to stay afloat over the coming two years.

Two dead, 24 hurt as NY buildings collapse

NEW YORK (AFP) - A major explosion caused by a gas leak flattened two residential buildings in Manhattan yesterday, killing two women and injuring 24 people as thick white smoke billowed into the sky.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio called the incident "a tragedy of the worst kind" and raised concerns about a number of people still unaccounted for after the disaster in East Harlem.

The explosion sparked inevitable reminders for some New Yorkers of the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001 that brought down the Twin Towers. Other witnesses said it felt like an earthquake.

There were 15 apartments in the two buildings that collapsed, de Blasio and city officials told reporters near the scene at 116th Street and Park Avenue, a mainly Latino community.

Around 15 minutes before the blast, energy company Con

Edison received a call from an adjoining apartment building alerting maintenance staff to the smell of gas.

The explosion struck at around 9:30am and New York Fire Department said firefighters were on the scene two minutes later.

It is the first deadly disaster of its kind to strike the city of eight million since the Democrat took office in January and will raise concerns about safety in less affluent neighborhoods.

"There was no indication in time to save people. We know we have lost two people already," the mayor said.

"There is a tremendous amount of anxiety, but suffice it to say that every effort is being expended to locate each and every one of these (missing) individuals," he added.

De Blasio was careful to caution that some of those missing could simply be safe elsewhere and out of contact.

A spokesman for New York Fire Department told AFP that firefighters were still putting out pockets of fire five and a half hours after first arriving on scene.

Twenty-four people were injured he said, raising an earlier number of 22 given by police. A police spokesman said that two patients were in critical condition and five others were serious.

Witnesses compared the scene of twisted metal, thick column of white smoke and dusty rubble to a war zone.

Hundreds of police and more than 250 firefighters were on site with emergency trucks, as a dense column of smoke spewed into the sky over the Metro-North railway line, an AFP reporter said.

The incident forced the indefinite suspension of train services in and out of Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan.

Herbalife faces FTC inquiry after activist campaign

NEW YORK (AFP) - The US Federal Trade Commission has opened a civil investigation into Herbalife, the nutritional products marketer announced yesterday.

Herbalife, which has been accused for more than a year by activist investor William Ackman of running a pyramid scheme, said it was "confident" it would be vindicated.

"Herbalife welcomes the inquiry given the tremendous amount of misinformation in the marketplace, and will cooperate fully with the FTC," the company said.

"Herbalife is a financially strong and successful company, having created meaningful value for shareholders, significant opportunities for distributors and positively impacted the lives and health of



its consumers for over 34 years."

The investigation follows repeated criticism of the company by Ackman, head of hedge fund Pershing Square, who has described Herbalife as a scam that makes money by recruiting more distributors rather than selling nutritional products, diet food and other items to consumers.

The activist's latest broadside came Tuesday when he accused Herbalife of extending the pyramid-scheme model to China, violating Chinese laws on recruiting and compensating sales staff in the process.

US regulators warned of problems on Boeing 777s

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Months before Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 mysteriously vanished, US regulators warned of a "cracking and corrosion" problem on Boeing 777s that could lead to a mid-air breakup and drastic drop in cabin pressure.

The revelation comes amid a desperate search for traces of the plane with 239 people on board, which lost contact with air traffic control at around 1730 GMT Friday, about an hour after take-off from Kuala Lumpur en route to Beijing.

During a sudden drop in cabin pressure, the crew and passengers can become unconscious, leaving no one at the controls of the affected aircraft.

In 1999, a Learjet carrying golfer Payne Stewart crashed into a field in the US state of South Dakota after flying uncontrolled for several hours after those on board apparently became unconscious due to a lack of oxygen brought on by a loss of cabin pressure.

Malaysia's air force chief has raised the possibility that MH370 inexplicably turned back and was quoted as saying the jet had been tracked hundreds of miles from its intended flight path.

The FAA circulated a draft of the directive warning of the cracking and corrosion problem on September 26, 2013.

A final directive was issued March 5, three days before the Malaysia Airlines jet disappeared. The FAA directive is to take effect April 9.

The FAA said it was "prompted by a report of cracking in the fuselage skin underneath the satellite communication (SATCOM) antenna adapter."



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Caribbean states seek slavery reparations

LONDON (AFP) - Caribbean nations seeking reparations for the slavery era have agreed a 10-point list of demands to put to European governments, their London lawyers said.

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) heads of government, meeting in Saint Vincent on Monday and Tuesday, approved the plan seeking a full formal apology, a repatriation programme and debt cancellation.

The 15-country organisation is targeting Britain, France and The Netherlands in particular.

The commission asserts that victims of crimes against hu-

manity and their descendants have a legal right to reparatory justice and that those who have been enriched by the proceeds of the slave trade have a case to answer.

It also wants European countries to take responsibility for the high incidence of hypertension and type two diabetes in the Caribbean and to participate in eradicating illiteracy. The final demands are "psychological rehabilitation" and a technology transfer on the premise that the Caribbean was "denied participation in Europe's industrialisation".

Martyn Day, from London law firm Leigh Day, said: "This is a very comprehensive and fair set of demands on the governments whose countries grew rich at the expense of those regions whose human wealth was stolen from them." He said CARICOM had called for an international meeting.

Day told AFP that formal letters would be sent to European countries in April.

The 15 CARICOM members are Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Media covering Venezuela unrest subject to arrests, attacks: union



CARACAS (AFP) - Nearly 100 journalists have suffered arbitrary arrests, robberies or physical attacks and harassment covering protests in Venezuela, the national press workers union SNTP said Wednesday.

"Most of the aggressions carried out against press workers over the past month were by state officials," the union said in a report.

But at least 15 cases were attributed to "armed civilians," most of whom are believed to be members of pro-government groups known as "colectivos," it added.

The union reported that 97 journalists in all, including 28 working for foreign news outlets, were affected.

Some reported being subjected to arbitrary arrests while

others said they had their equipment stolen or were physically assaulted, according to the union. Some reported a combination of all three.

The union's list includes journalists from CNN, Telemundo, Television Espanola, TV Globo, The New York Times, Reuters, the Associated Press and Agence France-Presse.

Anti-government protests, at times violent, have simmered across Venezuela since February 4, leaving at least 21 dead.

They have been fueled by public discontent with rampant crime, high inflation and shortages of basic goods, but crackdowns on protests by Venezuelan security forces have also stoked tension.

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4. Blood tests and urine tests are used to check the status of the kidneys

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It is of utmost importance to frequently control your risk factors; control your blood pressure, your sugar level. Do a control at least once per year if you are 40 years or older. Talk to your health care practitioner about these matters, especially if you have family members with kidney disease.

The Health Monitor of the Department of Public Health, published in 2013, reports that 1 in every 2 men between 25 and 64 has hypertension, while for women this is 1 in every 3 women. Almost 1 in every 10 persons between 25 and 64 has diabetes. Many don't even know that they have a high sugar level. Chances are that these persons have failing kidneys. Early detection remains the very best thing to do.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Health at 522-4200, IBISA 582-4987, SVB 527-2790, Fundacion Kidneys 592-6186, AZV dialyse department at IMSAN 524-8833 or the Dialyse clinic at the Hospital 527-4000.



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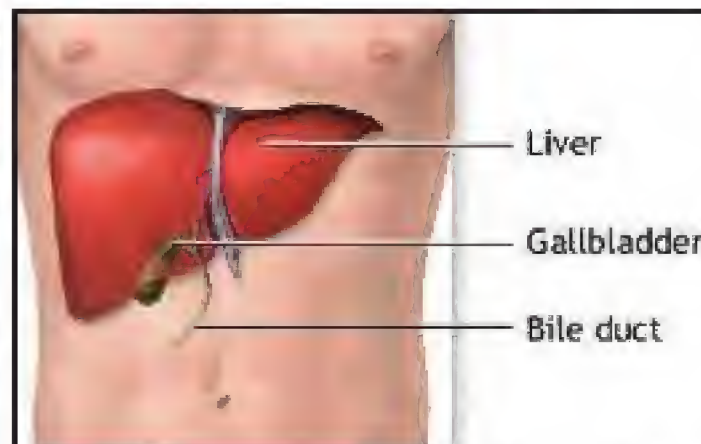
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Lebanese man 'caught' trying to buy immigrant's liver

MADRID (AFP) - Police in Spain arrested a rich Lebanese man suspected of trying to buy the healthy liver of a poor immigrant to receive it as a transplant, officials said Wednesday.

They said it was the first such organ trafficking racket uncovered in Spain, which is a pioneer in advanced transplants and performs more such operations than any other country in the world.

The 61-year-old, who was reported in Spanish media to be a Lebanese mayor, is sus-



were "without resources".

The man was suffering from liver failure and "needed a transplant which is practically unavailable in his country", Cosido said.

pected of approaching several immigrants, offering 40,000 euros (\$55,000) for a liver, and finally making a deal with a Romanian.

Medics at a hospital in Barcelona suspected when they met the pair that there was not a close relationship between them -- one of the legal conditions for such transplants in order to avoid trafficking.

Police were already investigating the case after an Algerian woman in the eastern city of Valencia told an immigrant support group in June that she had been offered 40,000 euros for her liver.

Five people were arrested and accused of organ trafficking, including three of the Lebanese man's relatives and a Palestinian, all residents in Spain, said police inspector Esther Maldonado.

Police would not name the so-called mayor or his town but described him in a statement as "wealthy", while the immigrants he approached

The patient ended up receiving the liver part he needed from his own son, in Barcelona in August.

He had at first been wrongly told that his son was too young to donate.

The suspects were arrested in January but police said they kept the case quiet until Wednesday for legal reasons.

Spain carries out more organ transplants than any other country in the world, despite recent health spending cuts over recent years brought on by recession and a debt crisis.

Surgeons in Spain carried out a record total of 4,279 transplants in 2013, partly thanks to a high number of donors, the state National Transplant Organisation said in January.

Organ trafficking is "a growing danger, a scourge of the 21st century", the head of the National Transplant Organisation, Rafael Matesanz, told reporters.

"No country is totally immune from it."



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A visit to Paseo Herencia is always full of surprises!



ORANJESTAD - Paseo Herencia Shopping Center always likes to surprise its visitors, providing special events and unscheduled entertainment beyond their regular shows. This past week, on Friday, March 7, the mall was proud to welcome tango dancers extraordinaire, Mady and Rafael Oliana, who comprise Tango Curacao. The elegant and sensual performance in the Plaza Padu was Rafael's present to his neighboring island, for which he has always had great admiration and affection, on Rafael's birthday. He and his former student, now partner, Mady, demonstrated their very special magic and chemistry to an appreciative audience, compliments of Paseo Herencia. Friday evenings, the mall regularly hosts local steel pan groups, and visitors count on the four-times nightly Waltzing Waters performance, but they had a special treat with Tango Curacao. They performed two delightful numbers to "Borges Y Paraguay" by Bajo-fondo, a classic tango, and another choreographed to the heart wrenching "Porfin," by Izaline Calister, one of the most famous singers and songwriters of Curacao. Paseo Herencia, (which translates to Heritage Walk) is dedicated to providing its visitors with an authentic introduction to island culture and personalities. The center's halls are filled with enlightening displays, and evenings feature regularly scheduled free entertainment on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. However, these events are often punctuated by special ceremonies and holiday entertainment that is not on the regular schedule, which are always free, and provide illuminating insights into island life and culture. Tango Curacao was one of those very pleasant surprises!



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Arab countries ban 'Noah' citing Islamic concerns

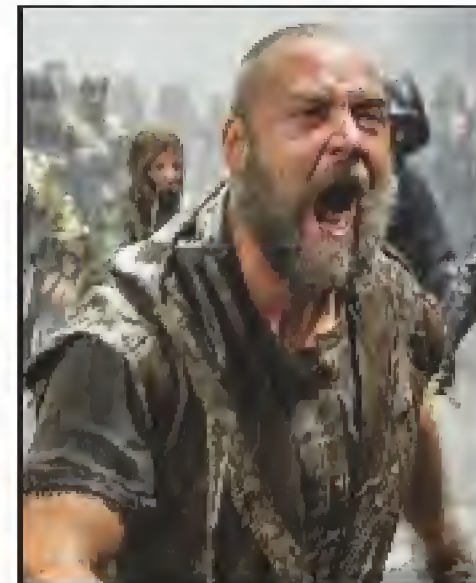
LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Three Arab countries have banned the biblical epic movie "Noah" because it contradicts Islam, while three more are expected to follow suit, a studio spokesman said Wednesday.

Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates told Hollywood giant Paramount last week that the film, starring Russell Crowe, will not be released in their countries. Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait are expected to follow suit.

The movie was due to open in Egypt on March 26 and the UAE on March 27, just before the movie comes out in the United States and a swath of other countries.

But a Paramount spokesman said: "The censors for Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE officially confirmed the film will not release in their countries."

"The official statement they



offered in confirming this news is because 'it contradicts the teachings of Islam,' he added, saying it was "assumed the film will ultimately not be shown in Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait."

Egypt's top Islamic body, the Al-Azhar institute, said last week that the big budget film violated Islam by portraying a prophet and should not be screened in the country.

Having an actor play a prophet "contradicts the stature of prophets and messengers... and antagonizes the faithful," it said in a statement. Muslims believe Jesus was a prophet and was not crucified.

Egypt has censored other movies in the past, including "The Da Vinci Code", after protests from the Orthodox Coptic Church. But it did allow the screening of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ", which depicts Jesus being crucified.

The film has already angered some Christian institutions in the United States, with Crowe's reportedly unconventional portrayal of Noah.

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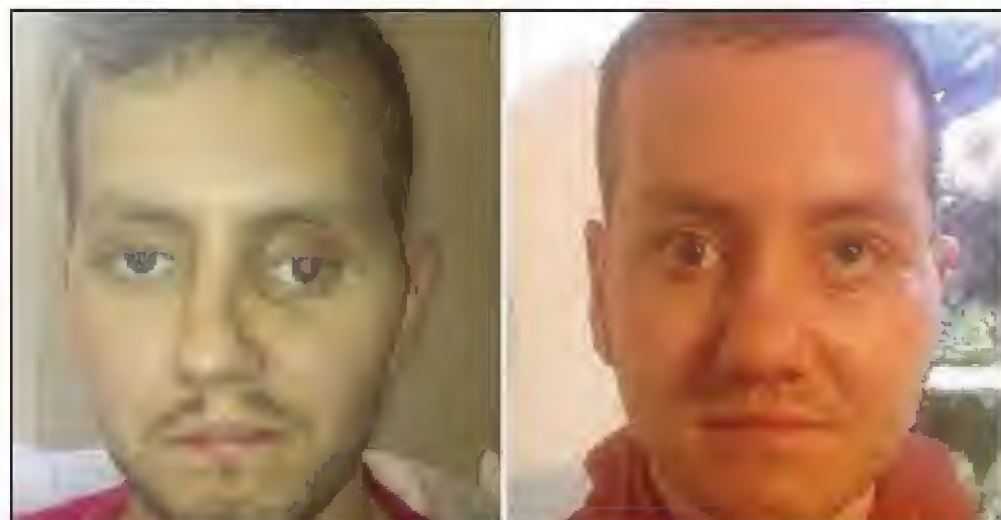
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Build me a face in 3D: British man's life 'transformed'



Printed parts...3D models of Stephen Power's face. These images show guides for cutting and positioning and plates to hold the bones in place in plastic (top) and medical-grade titanium (bottom) all created using 3D printers.



LONDON (AFP) - A British man who suffered horrific facial injuries in a motorbike accident has had pioneering surgery to rebuild his face using 3D printed parts.

Stephen Power from Cardiff in Wales is thought to be one

of the first trauma patients in the world to have a procedure in which 3D printing was used at every stage.

The 29-year-old suffered multiple trauma injuries in an accident in 2012. Despite wearing a crash helmet, his top

jaw, nose and both cheek bones were broken and he fractured his skull.

Surgeons said that by using 3D printing techniques, much of the guesswork was removed from the reconstruction of the face.

The result is a face that is remarkably similar to Power's before the accident.

The team at Morriston Hospital in Wales' second city, Swansea, used CT scans to create and print a symmetrical 3D model of his skull, followed by cutting guides and plates printed to match.

In order to try to restore the symmetry of his face, the surgical team used CT scans to create and print a symmetrical model of Power's scan.

It then cut guides and printed plates to match the CT scan.

The surgical team had to re-fracture Power's cheekbones, following the cutting guides, before remodelling the face.

A titanium implant, printed in Belgium, was then used to hold the bones in place.

Power said the results were "totally life changing".

He wore a hat and glasses to hide his injuries before the operation, but said he felt transformed immediately after the surgery.

Maxillofacial surgeon Adrian Sugar said the results were "incomparable" with anything he had achieved before.

Australia hatches first IVF shark

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Australia has successfully hatched its first shark born via artificial insemination with hopes that the development can ultimately be used to help breed threatened species, an aquarium said Wednesday.

Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium said the brown banded bamboo shark pup was born on March 3, ending a process which began in September when aquarists collected a semen sample from a shark in Mooloolaba in northeastern Australia.

This was flown to the southern city of Melbourne and inseminated into the mother the same day -- making the pup the first shark to be born globally via a live semen sample transported from one facility to another, Sea Life said.

Melbourne Aquarium vet Rob Jones said the birth of the shark -- which is expected to

grow from its initial length of 16 centimetres (6.3 inches) to an adult size of 1.2 to 1.5 metres -- was a milestone in using assisted reproductive technologies.

The hatching is part of a nine-year project into understanding the reproductive behaviours of sharks, animals which are common in Australia but are little understood.

The team hope their research will help with plans to manage threatened species in the wild, in particular the critically endangered grey nurse shark.

The egg, one of several laid by the shark in November but the only viable one, was monitored weekly during its incubation period of 112 days.

Grey nurse sharks are considered critically endangered, with estimates that there could be as few as 1,500 left on Australia's east coast.

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SINGAPORE : A view of highrise financial district office buildings are seen from Marina Bay promenade in Singapore. Singapore on March 5 played down a global survey showing that it is now the world's most expensive city, a finding which has triggered outrage among Singaporeans struggling with rising costs. (AFP PHOTO)

US to release 5 mn barrels from strategic oil reserve

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Energy Department said yesterday a decision to release five million barrels from its Strategic Petroleum Reserve was a long-planned test, amid speculation it related to the Ukraine crisis.

The department's decision for a "test drawdown" of the huge reserve is being done to test new regional pipeline systems in Texas and Louisiana, and has been under discussion "for many months", the department said.

Department spokesman Bill Gibbons said it is required to undertake the test by law, though the last time a test release took place was in 1990.

Since then, however, there have been other releases un-

dertaken in reaction to events: in 2005, after Hurricane Katrina damaged parts of the crucial oil industry infrastructure along the Gulf of Mexico coastline, and in 2011 to counter global supply disruptions from the Libyan revolution.

The test is a response to the sharp rise in US domestic crude production since 2011, said Gibbons.

"Significant changes in the system have occurred -- including pipeline expansion, construction of new infrastructure, reversed flow of existing pipelines and increased use of domestic crude oil terminals."

He said the test is to "assess the system's capabilities in the event of a disruption."

Some analysts had speculated that the government made the decision on the release in response to the risk that Russian oil and gas supplies to Europe could be cut off if the standoff over Ukraine intensifies.

Brazil investigates alleged Petrobras graft case

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - Brazilian lawmakers have set up a committee to investigate alleged kickbacks made to state oil giant Petrobras by Dutch firm SBM Offshore.

"What is happening now with Petrobras, with its shares falling, is the result of misappropriation of public funds," alleged opposition Social Democrat lawmaker Vanderlei Macris after the committee's formation was announced overnight Tuesday.

The committee is due to travel to the Netherlands to investigate allegations of bribery running into tens of millions of dollars.

A former SBM employee has alleged \$139 million in bribes were paid to Petrobras officials via intermediaries.

In turn, it is alleged, Petrobras gave the Dutch company, which leases floating oil platforms and vessels, preferential treatment for contracts.

The Dutch firm is also under investigation in Britain, the United States and the Netherlands, according to Valor Economico financial daily.



HYDERABAD : The executive suite cabin of an Emirates Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger airliner, is pictured during a photo call at the India Aviation 2014 airshow at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad on March 12, 2014. The fourth edition of India Aviation, a five day event scheduled to run from March 12-16, more than 250 exhibitors will showcase the latest global aerospace technology offering business opportunities in India. (AFP PHOTO)

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IATA: Airlines trying to recover \$3.7bn 'blocked' by Venezuela



CARACAS : People line up to buy goods at a store in Caracas, Venezuela. Protesters in Venezuela have been venting their anger over the soaring crime rate, high inflation, a shortage of food and commodities. (AFP)

GENEVA (AFP) - Airlines that serve Venezuela are battling to recover \$3.7 billion blocked by the government, the head of industry body IATA said yesterday, accusing Caracas of breaking international rules.

"The Venezuelan government is blocking airlines from repatriating some \$3.7 billion of their money," said Tony Tyler, who heads the International Air Transport Association. Such action made it hard for the carriers to carry on operating in the country, he said.

"It is unacceptable that the Venezuelan government is not playing by the rules to which it is treaty-bound. Airlines certainly cannot sustain operations indefinitely if they can't get paid," he said, without naming the airlines concerned.

Tyler said that he had written to Venezuelan Nicolas Maduro asking him to settle the issue urgently.

Venezuelan law requires air tickets to be sold in non-convertible bolivars, the national currency, which the government then exchanges with the airlines for US dollars. But Venezuelan authorities ceased

the dollar payments to the airlines in October 2013, said IATA.

"The situation represents an unacceptable failure of the Venezuelan government to meet its commitments. Aviation provides vital connectivity to the Venezuelan economy. The government should not put this at risk," said Tyler.

According to Venezuelan aviation industry sources, the sum owed by the government is closer to \$3.5 billion than \$3.7 billion.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

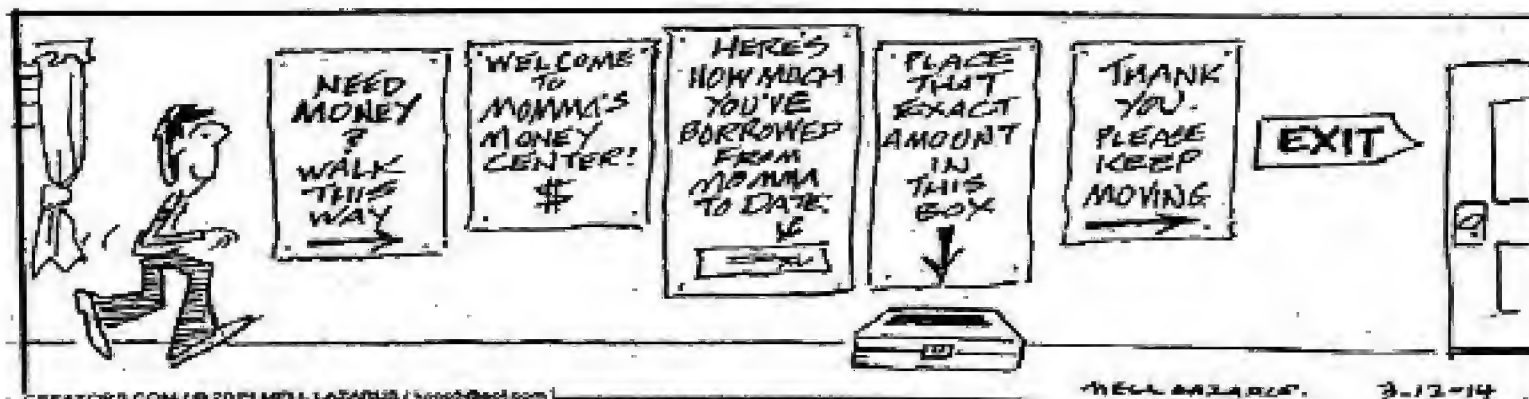
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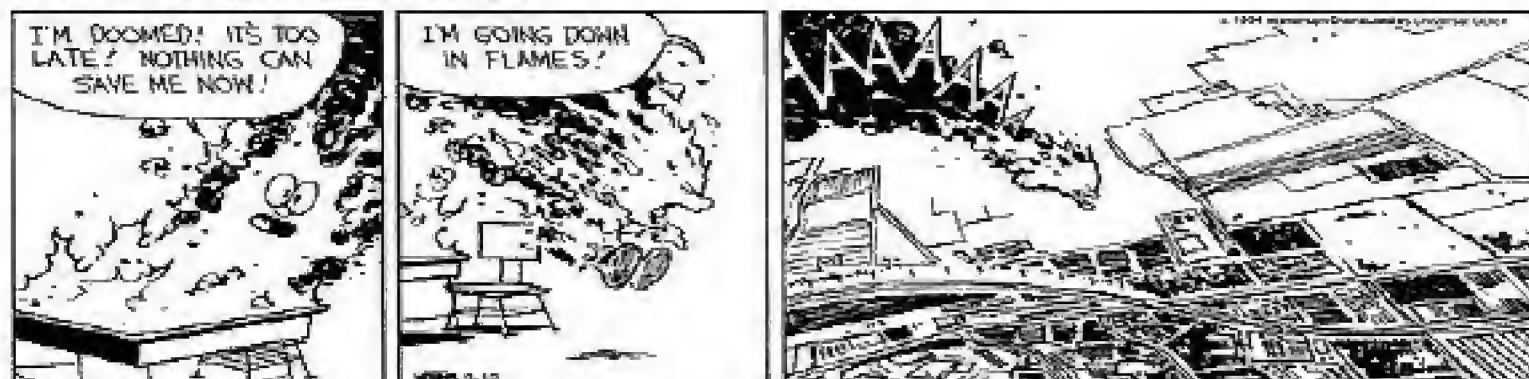
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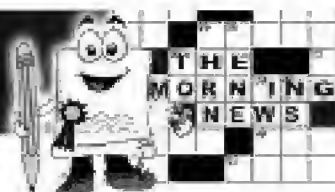
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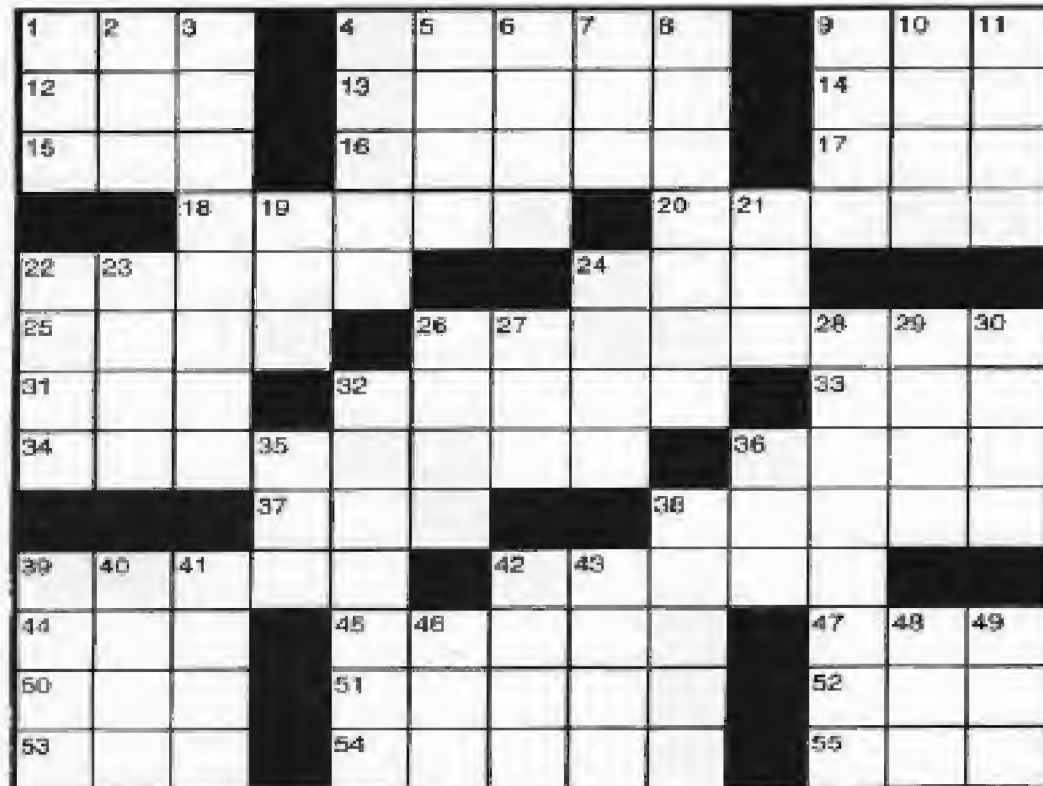
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4. Miss Doolittle
9. Accountant's charge
12. Departure's opposite (abbr.)
13. Plunges headfirst
14. "Dig in!"
15. Schuss
16. Hit the hay
17. Rainbow shape
18. Runs into
20. Strident
22. ___ the beans (blab)
24. Knock lightly
25. Eye signal
36. Lots of Easy Crosswords
26. Suffers from heat
31. ___ standstill (2 wds.)
32. Parade vehicle
33. Korean car company
34. Party floaters
36. Small amount
37. Spherical body
38. Saves
39. Refracting instrument
42. Spike of a fork
44. Scientist's rm.
45. "___ Irish Rose"
47. Not home
50. Wide street (abbr.)
51. Bonet, Simpson, and
- Hartman
52. Shout at the Olympics
53. So far
54. Hair-raising
55. Nickname for a Houstonian

DOWN

1. Mothers, informally
2. Biblical vessel
3. Felon
4. Henry Ford's son
5. Bounciness
6. "Big Daddy" Burl
7. Alphabet's finale
8. Paving material
9. Phobia
10. Dumbo's features
11. Engrave
19. Brotherhood brother
21. City dweller's bldg.
22. Mop the deck
23. Pocket for feta
24. Hot beverages
26. Untidy person
27. Came in first
28. Scraping by (2 wds.)
29. Danger
30. Enervates
32. Evening dresses
35. Part of L.A.
36. Very pale
38. Common cow name
39. Boom box button
40. Rant
41. "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
42. Leaning Tower city
43. Bring up
46. Pen-making name
48. Exploit
49. ___ shelter

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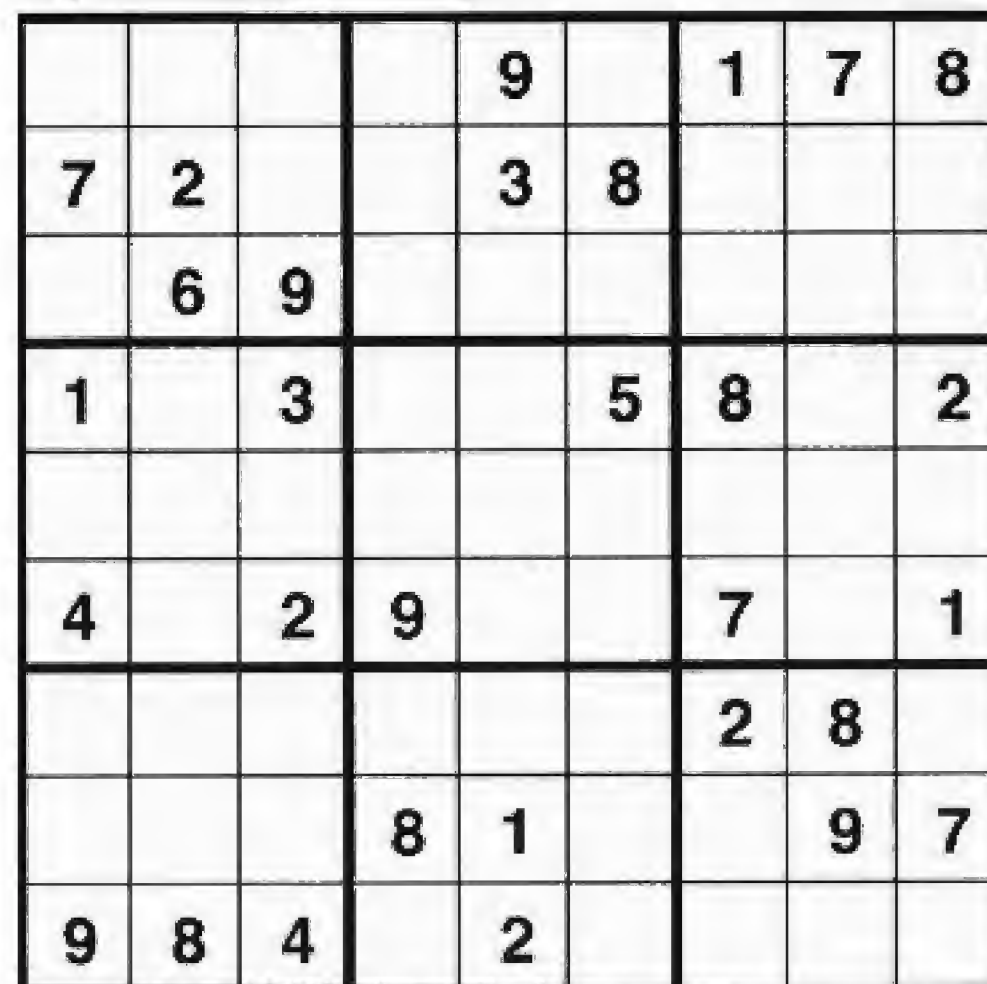
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite



-- The Buccaneer Restaurant is a legendary favorite from day one that the doors opened 35 years ago. The nautical, laid back restaurant located in-between the high and low rise hotels in Aruba. The restaurant is owned and run by Josef Munzenhofer, a local Aruban who kept many of the father's traditional recipes and added new entrees. The menu is a wide and varied menu that is focused mainly on fresh caught local seafood dishes and for the not seafood lover's, poultry, lamb, Angus cut beef, pasta

and duck. On a daily basis the chef creates specials including a daily soup. Every food item on the menu is made from scratch every day. Some popular food choices are the "Barracuda Meunière" with a light caper lemon sauce, "Shrimp Trio" your choice of three types of shrimp entrees, "Seduction of the sea" a medley of grilled seafood favorites

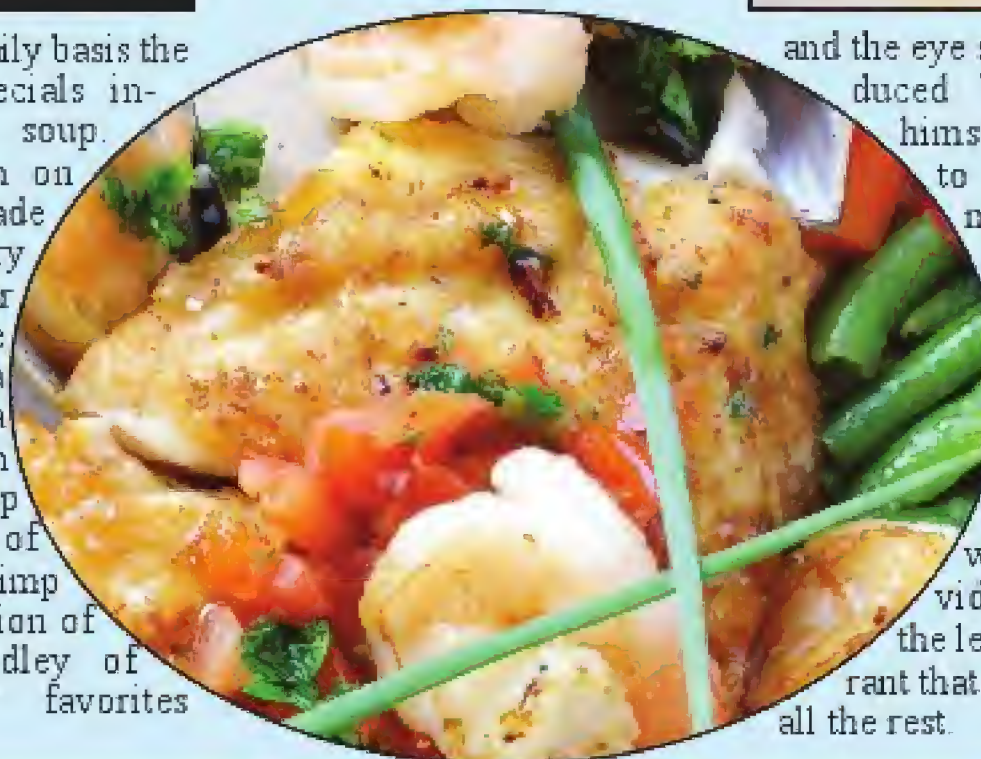
served with pasta and vegetables, Ceviche & Escargot are among the best sellers for appetizers and if you love rack of lamb with mint sauce than feast on this.

The restaurant has a welcoming, nautical feel with an extensive 18,000 gallon aquarium wall in the main dining room and smaller aquariums at the cozy booth, coastal maps, diving helmet, old fashion compass, shells

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and the eye stopper bar produced by the owner himself with tables to match, and so much more.

Planning a party or special event than Buccaneer is the right choice for you. Checkout the website with a video included of the legendary restaurant that stands out from all the rest.

The Buccaneer kitchen is open Monday through Saturday 5:30-10:00 pm & Early Bird from 5:30-7:00 pm, closed on Sundays. Buccaneer is known for their reasonable prices and their along with a top-notch team who have kept satisfied guests coming back.

The restaurant location is 11C Gasparito. Making a reservation is easy just call 586-6172 . email - buccaneeraruba@yahoo.

US pimps can pull in \$33,000 a week, study finds

CHICAGO (AFP) - From streetwalkers who charge as little as \$5 per sex act to pimps who bring in tens of thousands a week, prostitution is big business in the United States a study released Wednesday found.

With a plethora of massage parlors, makeshift brothels, secretive high-end escorts and overt online ads, the underground commercial sex economy has long been known to be complex and extremely lucrative.

The Urban Institute is the first research group to come up with a solid estimate on how much money changes hands and how the market for sex works in eight US cities.

In the tourism and convention hub of Atlanta, Georgia, the underground sex economy was pegged at \$290 million a year -- more than the illicit sale of drugs and guns combined.

Sex was also big business in Miami -- once again outdoing drugs and guns -- although the study sponsored by the US Justice Department found that it had fallen to \$235 million in 2007 from \$302 million in 2003.

The sex trade also shrank in the nation's capital, and at \$103 million a year was in line



with drug trafficking and well below the \$160 million spent on illegal guns in Washington.

The most fascinating part of the study came from interviews with pimps, prostitutes and police who provided an intimate, inside-look at the sex trade.

Of the dozens of pimps who were interviewed in jail, many spoke openly of their preference for young white women -- or even girls -- because they're "easier to manage," better able to blend in and are believed to be what clients typically want.

"They have a saying in the pimp game, 'if it ain't white, it ain't right,'" one pimp said.

The pimps often imposed daily quotas ranging from \$400 to \$1,000 and would

often keep every dollar earned as a means of control, paying the prostitutes in food, housing, clothing and gifts.

They also, unsurprisingly, imposed strict rules.

Many prohibited prostitutes from using hard drugs because it made them unmanageable. Some said they wouldn't allow them to "date black dudes" or young men for fear they would get robbed, beaten or recruited by another pimp.

They typically ran relatively small operations of two to 36 people and sometimes employed drivers, bodyguards, and even nannies.

They said they took home anywhere from \$5,000 to \$33,000 a week, but detailed hefty expenses like hotel rooms, advertisement, and clothing, housing food or even tampons for their "girls."

The internet has helped many sex workers avoid the dangers of the street, although many said they still end up on the "stroll."

Police described their struggles infiltrating brothels, massage parlors and topless bars which cater to specific ethnicities -- Latino, Asian or Russian and Eastern European men -- and are often run by organized crime rings.

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Football: Barca and PSG ease into last eight



PARIS (AFP) - Four-time Champions League winners Barcelona and French champions Paris Saint Germain suffered few problems in reaching the quarter-finals of this season's competition on Wednesday.

Barcelona -- who had come into their game on the back of some poor league form -- beat Manchester City, who had Pablo Zabaleta sent off, 2-1 for

a 4-1 aggregate victory.

Lionel Messi opened the scoring for Barca with his eighth goal of the campaign before Vincent Kompany levelled just before the final whistle, but there was still time for Dani Alves to strike the winner as Barcelona qualified for their seventh successive quarter-finals.

PSG, who Barcelona beat in last season's quarter-finals, kept alive their hopes of be-

coming only the second French side to win the trophy -- after Marseille in 1993 -- with a 2-1 win over German outfit Bayer Leverkusen for a 6-1 aggregate win.

Goals by Marquinhos and Ezequiel Lavezzi cancelled out Sidney Sam's sixth minute opener to give Laurent Blanc's side their sixth successive win in all competitions.

Leverkusen -- who came into the match on the back of a run of five defeats and one draw in their last six games -- missed a penalty through captain Simon Rolfes and, to round off a miserable experience, also ended the match with just 10 men as Emre Can was sent off for a second bookable offence.

On Tuesday holders Bayern Munich completed a 3-1 aggregate win over Arsenal with a 1-1 draw at home while Atletico Madrid's 4-1 success against visitors AC Milan ensured a 5-1 overall scoreline.

Football: Russian MPs want US excluded from World Cup

MOSCOW (AFP) - Two Russian lawmakers have called on FIFA supreme Sepp Blatter to expel the United States from the World Cup finals.

Alexander Sidyakin and Mikhail Markelov sent their letter to Blatter a week after two US Republican lawmakers called on FIFA to take the 2018 World Cup finals away from Russia because of the military intervention in Crimea.

The letter said action was needed after the US "aggression against several sovereign

states like Yugoslavia, Iraq and Libya" and attempts "to occupy Syria."

The MPs said the United States was "violating the human rights in the world" and highlighted cases quoted by fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden.

Sidyakin said the letter was a response to a call by US Republican senators Mark Kirk and Dan Coats for FIFA to suspend Russia.

"I'm not expecting to get any answer. I just want the FIFA boss to have two similar letters

that will expose the stupidity of US senators, who turn a blind eye to their own faults," Sidyakin was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency.

The US senators wrote that "in light of Russia's military occupation of a sovereign Ukraine" Russia should be expelled from the 2014 World Cup and stripped of its right to host the 2018 finals.

Blatter has said that FIFA will consider political and human rights situations in bid countries before awarding future World Cups.

Football: Leading Champions League scorers

PARIS (AFP) - Leading Champions League scorers after Wednesday's last 16, second-leg matches:

11 goals: Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid/ESP)
10 goals: Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA)
8: Lionel Messi (Barcelona/ESP)
7 goals: Diego Costa (Atletico Madrid/ESP)
6 goals: Sergio Agüero (Manchester City/ENG), Robert Lewandowski (Borussia Dortmund)
5 goals: Alvaro Negredo (Manchester City/ENG), Arturo Vidal (Juventus/ITA)
4 goals: Gareth Bale (Real Madrid/ESP), Karim Benzema (Real Madrid/ESP), Edinson Cavani (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA), Gonzalo Higuain (Napoli/ITA), Thomas Mueller (Bayern Munich/GER), Raul Garcia (Atletico Madrid)

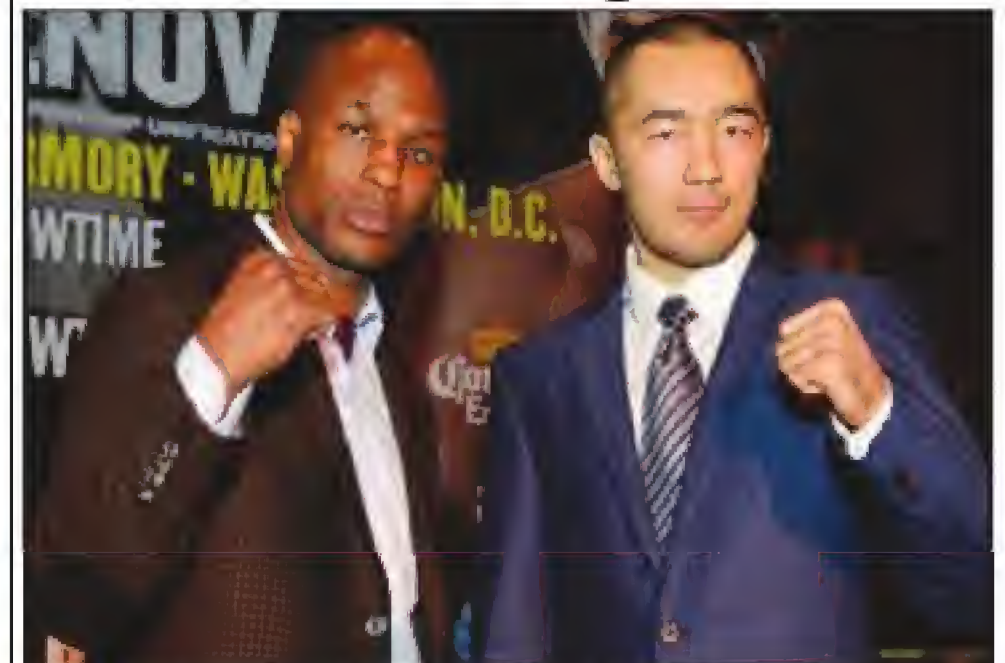


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Boxing:



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Bernard Hopkins, already boxing's oldest-ever world champion at 49, is looking to keep rewriting the record books when he faces Beibut Shumenov of Kazakhstan in April. First he wants to become the oldest unified champion, then the oldest undisputed champion and finally the first ever 50-year-old world champion. The age-defying light-heavyweight International Boxing Federation champion faces a unification title fight against World Boxing Association laureate Shumenov in Washington on April 19. Hopkins, 54-6 with two draws and 32 knockouts, wants to own two titles to force a showdown for an undisputed crown with Haitian-born Canadian southpaw Adonis Stevenson, the World Boxing Council champion who is 23-1 with 20 knockouts. "Stevenson is the motivation to beat Shumenov, not just to win but to perform well," Hopkins said. "I can't win and look old." That's why Hopkins, who turns 50 next January, says he wants his first knockout win since he stopped Oscar de la Hoya in 2004 to be against Shumenov, 14-1 with nine knockouts. Shumenov, 30, makes his sixth defense of the title he took from Spain's Gabriel Campillo in 2010 but admits he has never faced a rival like Hopkins. "I know I have never faced anyone at Bernard's level. It will be the hardest fight of my life but I'll do everything possible and impossible to get this victory," said Shumenov. And the Kazakh marvels at Hopkins, who won and defended the IBF crown last year at age 48. "It's unbelievable. He's a super-human," said Shumenov. "He is extraordinary, the best in the division. He has the best boxing IQ and skills." Hopkins says that, except for iconic heavyweight Muhammad Ali, he knows best how to play on a foe's insecurities.

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Police Inspector Hodge lectured Brazil Taekwondo kids



ORANJESTAD - Last Monday afternoon Police Inspector Carlos Hodge visited the gym at the Tarcisius School in



Brazil.

Inspector Hodge was invited by Danca Delamore of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation for the purpose of sharing with the Taekwondo athletes.

Inspector Hodge was warmly received by four rows of kids and some parents. Hodge shared with the kids why it is so important to be involved in sports.

Carlos Hodge is a 30 year Police veteran and has been involved in numerous cases. He emphasized how important discipline is and that it begins at home and continues into all phases of life.

Taekwondo is a discipline sport and may never be used on the street under any circumstance, especially by those 12 years of age and above as they may be incarcerated.

Brazil Taekwondo Foundation is working very diligently with children to give them the best possible training combined with discipline. However, once they leave the gym it is up to them to put the training and discipline into practice.

Inspector Hodge made mention of the fact that many kids today have chosen the wrong path in life. Much of this is due to bad influences from friends who feel tough and want to show off that they can do bad stuff. They fail to consider the consequences, however.

The group was very grateful for Hodge's presentation and the Foundation expressed their heartfelt gratitude for his valuable input into the lives of their young athletes.

Baseball: Braves sign Santana, Medlen preps for surgery



LAKE BUENA VISTA, (AFP) - Dominican pitcher Ervin Santana signed a one-year Major League Baseball deal Wednesday with the Atlanta Braves, who appear set to lose starter Kris Medlen to a second tendon replacement surgery.

The Braves turned to the 31-year-old Caribbean right-hander after Medlen was diagnosed with an injured right elbow ligament and faced with surgery on his throwing arm for the second time in four years.

Atlanta's Brandon Beachy went out Monday with tightness in his right biceps muscle and elbow, adding to the Braves' starting rotation worries.

Santana, whose deal is reportedly worth \$14.1 million, went 9-10 last year with a 3.24 earned-run average and 161 strikeouts over 32 starts with Kansas City.

He played for the Los Angeles

Angels from 2005 to 2012 and has a career record of 105-90 with a 4.19 earned-run average in 268 career games.

Santana was still available because many teams did not want to part with a top draft pick and pay him a large salary, but Atlanta's vacancy created an opportunity for Santana and will cost the Braves their top selection in June's draft.

Since becoming a starter for Atlanta at the end of July in 2012, Medlen was 24-12 with a 2.47 earned-run average over 44 games, with only Los Angeles Dodgers' ace Clayton Kershaw faring better among pitchers with more than 250 innings in that span.

"He had a stress X-ray," Wres said. "It's not definitive but it did probably confirm what he was fearing, that there's a high likelihood that he's going to have to have a second operation. That is what we are anticipating."

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NBA: Bryant to miss remainder of season for Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant will miss the remainder of the NBA season because of a nagging left knee injury, the team announced Wednesday.

The 35-year-old, who inspired the Lakers to five NBA titles from 2000 to 2010 and the United States capture Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012, has been recovering from a left knee fracture.

"Obviously this has been a frustrating and disappointing season, but I appreciate all the support I've received from the Lakers and the fans and look forward to being back and ready for the start of training camp," Bryant said.

After Bryant was examined Wednesday by team physician Steve Lombardo, the doctor decided that Bryant's injury has not healed, making it easy for the Lakers to let him rest till next season.

"With Kobe's injury still not healed, the amount of time he would need to rehab and be ready to play, and the amount of time remaining in the season, we've simply run out of time for him to return," said trainer Gary Vitti.

Bryant returned earlier this season from an Achilles tendon tear after 7 1/2 months of rehabilitation and played only six games before being sidelined in mid-December with the fractured left knee, which at first it was thought would see him miss only six weeks.

Despite the injury, Bryant was voted into the NBA All-Star Game by fans, but he was unable to play in last month's elite showdown of top talent.

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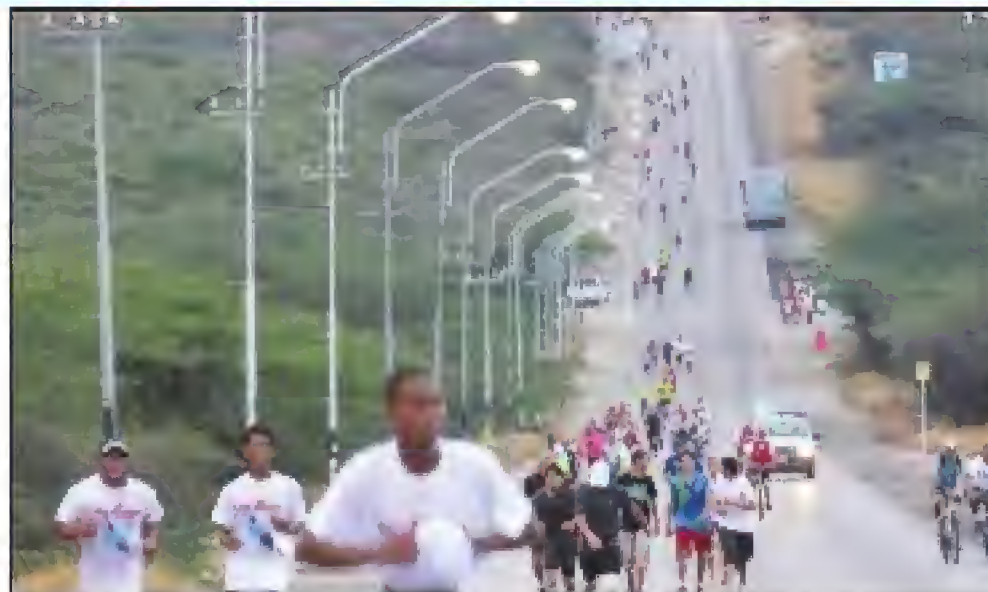
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ternational rules this will not be permitted. The Police Force will have a strict control on this. With respect to bicycles or vehicles along the route to accompany participants, this is in accordance with article 5.3 of the Rules & Regulations AIHM 2014. Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified.

The only exception for someone on a bicycle is for persons offering first aid or personal assistance to a runner. Also, for Alberto Maduro who has a vision problem.



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viated by the Police.

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